

As a below named inventor, I declare that:

My residence, Post Office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled **WELL FRAME INCLUDING CONNECTORS FOR BIOLOGICAL FLUIDS**.

The specification of which (check only one item below):

is attached hereto

was filed as United States Application Serial No. on _____, and was amended on _____ (if applicable)

was filed as PCT international application number _____, on _____, and was amended under PCT Article 19 on _____ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(a)-(d) or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, on the same subject matter, having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

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 Application No.: _____ Filed: _____ Status: _____
PCT Application No.: _____ Filed: _____ Status: _____
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DECLARATION IN ORIGINAL APPLICATION**U.S. Attorney Docket N .: SP01-131**

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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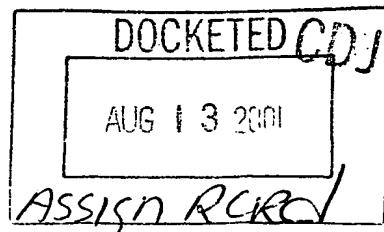
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Thomas R. Beall

May 14, 2001
Date

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FOR VALUE RECEIVED, I, as a below named inventor, hereby sell, assign and transfer unto Corning Incorporated, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New York, having its principal place of business at Corning, New York, (hereinafter CORNING), as assignee, and unto its successors, assigns and legal representatives, the entire right, title and interest, for all countries, in and to certain inventions relating to a **WELL FRAME INCLUDING CONNECTORS FOR BIOLOGICAL FLUIDS**, such inventions being generally described in an application for Letters Patent of the United States executed on

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I request that any and all patents for said inventions be issued to CORNING, its successors, assigns and legal representatives, or to such nominees as CORNING may designate.

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I authorize and empower CORNING, its successors, assigns and legal representatives or nominees, to invoke and claim for any application for patent or other form of protection for said inventions filed by it or them, the benefit of the right of priority provided by the International Convention for the Protection of Industrial Property, as amended, or by any convention which may henceforth be substituted for said Convention or entered as a supplement to, and to invoke and claim such right of priority without further written or oral authorization.

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I covenant with CORNING, its successors, assigns and legal representatives or nominees, that the rights and property herein conveyed are free and clear of any encumbrance, and that I have full right to convey the same as herein expressed.

(U.S. Regular Application)

Attorney Docket No.: SP01-131

Signed at Corning, NY, this

5/14/01
Date


Po Ki Yuen

State of New York)

: ss.

County of Steuben)

On the 14th day of MAY 2001, before me personally came **Po Ki Yuen** known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged that they executed the same.

Susan M. Hynes
Notary Public

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37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b)
and
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Applicant(s): Yuen, et al

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CORNING INCORPORATED, a New York corporation, certifies that it is the assignee of the entire right, title and interest in the patent application identified above by virtue of an assignment from the inventor(s) of the patent application identified above. A true copy of the unrecorded Assignment is attached hereto.

The undersigned has reviewed the above referenced assignment of the patent application identified above and, to the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, title is in the assignee identified above.

The undersigned is empowered to sign this certificate on behalf of the assignee.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true, and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further, that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements, and the like so made, are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001, Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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POWER OF ATTORNEY BY ASSIGNEE

CORNING INCORPORATED, the assignee of the full and exclusive right, title and interest in and to the accompanying application for United States Letters Patent entitled **WELL FRAME INCLUDING CONNECTORS FOR BIOLOGICAL FLUIDS** and executed by Po Ki Yuen on 05-14-2001, respectively, appoints the practitioners associated with the Customer Number provided below (i.e., the practitioners associated with the Patent Department, Corning Incorporated) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith. Please direct all correspondence to Thomas R. Beall at the address associated with that Customer Number.

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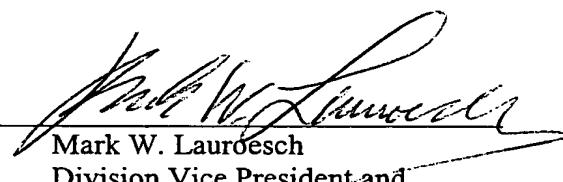
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